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1. THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE RESTRICTED FOR USE WITHIN ORGANIZATION.

2. ON 18 OCTOBER AMBASSADOR WILLIAM H. SULLIVAN TOLD ME THAT BOTH DR. KISSINGER AND HE FIND AGENCY'S CURRENT ANALYTICAL REPORTING ON SAIGON SITUATION ALARMIST. SPECIFICALLY SULLIVAN SAID THAT HE SIMPLY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT SITUATION AROUND SAIGON WAS AS BAD AS WAS PRESENTED TO HIM BY [ ] SHORTLY PRIOR TO SULLIVAN'S DEPARTURE.

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3. ON 19 OCTOBER, LATE AFTERNOON, I WAS TOLD BY GENERAL WEYAND THAT IN COURSE OF SITUATION BRIEFING LATE ON 18 OCTOBER, DR. KISSINGER ASKED FOR WEYAND'S OPINION ON STATION'S REPORTING DURING CURRENT SITUATION. WEYAND SAID HE GAVE US HIGH MARKS. WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT STATION'S SITUATION APPRAISALS, WEYAND SAID THAT WHILE THERE ARE NOT COORDINATED WITH HIM, HE FOUND HIMSELF IN VIRTUALLY 100 PER CENT AGREEMENT WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED.

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4. AT DINNER 19 OCTOBER IN WEYAND'S AND AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S PRESENCE, DR. KISSINGER SAID THAT HE WAS DISTURBED BY GLOOMY AND ALARMIST VIEWS IN SOME OF AGENCY'S REPORTS ON SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. I REPLIED THAT DISTINCTION MUST BE MADE BETWEEN REPORTING FROM AGENT SOURCES WHICH WE SEND AS RECEIVED, WITH APPROPRIATE FIELD COMMENTS AND STATION'S ANALYSIS. THE FIRST REFLECT PRIMARILY ENEMY PLANS AND INTENTIONS. WITH RESPECT TO STATION'S APPRAISALS OF SITUATION, THESE ALWAYS COORDINATED WITH AMBASSADOR. WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT WE PRESENTED GLOOMY PICTURE, IN FACT ON MOST RECENT ONE AMBASSADOR BUNKER FELT WE MAY HAVE BEEN TOO OPTIMISTIC. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY BUNKER.

5. KISSINGER SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS SITUATION AND THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR WEYAND'S COMMENTS ON STATION REPORTING. HE SAID WEYAND WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY OF OUR REPORTING. WEYAND THEN HALF-JOKINGLY REMARKED THAT OBVIOUSLY COS HAS SAME PROBLEM WITH HIS HEADQUARTERS THAT HE, WEYAND, HAS WITH JOINT CHIEFS.

25X1 6. IN TALK ALONE WITH ME 20 OCTOBER KISSINGER SAID THAT HE WAS DISTURBED BY   RECENT MEMORANDUM ON EFFECTS OF CEMSE-FIRE. HE SAID IT WAS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE IN CURRENT

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NEGOTIATING TACTICS TO KNOW WHETHER [ ] ASSESSMENT

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CORRECT OR WHETHER SITUATION WOULD IN FACT DEVELOP ALONG MORE

FAVORABLE LINES PROJECTED BY BUNKER AND WEYAND. I SAID THAT

25X1 NOT HAVING SEEN [ ] MEMORANDUM OBVIOUSLY CANNOT COMMENT

ON IT. HOWEVER, STATION ASSESSMENT WAS THAT GVN COULD SURVIVE

"IN PLACE" CEASE-FIRE AND THAT IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER MAIN FORCE

ACTIONS, ARVN AND POLICE TAKING THEIR OWN TIME WOULD HAVE

LITTLE TROUBLE IN REDUCING UNDER GUISE OF "POLICE ACTION" THE

SMALL AND SCATTERED ENEMY UNITS OUTSIDE OF ESTABLISHED BASE

AREAS. KISSINGER THEN GLANCED THROUGH RECENT [ ] AND

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SEEMED TO FEEL REASSURED BY OUR GUARDED OPTIMISM.

7. IN CONTEXT OF ABOVE DISCUSSIONS WE REVIEWED RECENT  
CIB ARTICLES ON SOUTH VIETNAM AND HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. THERE APPEARS TO BE OVEREMPHASIS OF ENEMY'S  
INTENTIONS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT BALANCING COMMENTS ON  
CAPABILITIES AND THERE IS COMPLETE DISREGARD OF CONSE-  
QUENCES AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PROBABLE GVN COUNTER  
MEASURES. THUS PICTURE IS DISTORTED FROM OUTSET.

B. COMMENTS ON LOSS OF PACIFICATION IN CIB DATED 12 OCT  
72 ARE OUT OF CONTEXT AND APPEAR TO REFLECT MISUNDER-

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STANDING OF WHAT HIS FIGURES ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT.

VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THIS CIB ITEM ARE CERTAINLY AT SHARP

VARIANCE WITH MACV, EMBASSY AND STATION POSITIONS.

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